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1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF, FRG ECONMIN OFFICIAL
SHARED ASSESSMENT THAT, ALTHOUGH THE EC COUNTRIES WERE
AWARE OF AND AGREED UPON THE POLITICAL IMPOR-
TANCE OF STRENGTHENING YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC TIES WITH
THE WEST, THE EC MEMBERS ARE NOT AS FORTHCOMING, BUT
MADE THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC SACRIFICES TO PURSUE
THAT GOAL.

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2. THE FRG NOW BELIEVES THAT THE EC OUGHT TO GIVE
SOME SPECIAL TARIFF CONCESSIONS IN THE NEW EC-YUGOSLAV
AGREEMENT AND IS RECOMMENDING THAT, UNDER PREFERENCES
GRANTED TO YUGOSLAVIA AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, THE
TARIFF-FREE CEILINGS BE INCREASED ON CERTAIN GOODS
EXPORTED BY YUGOSLAVIA TO THE EC. THIS IS VIEWED AS

A POLITICAL GESTURE AND, AS CONCEIVED BY THE GERMANS, WOULD INVOLVE AN INCREASE OF ONLY ABOUT \$30 MILLION IN GOODS EXPORTED DUTY-FREE TO THE FRG FROM YUGOSLAVIA. THE FRG OFFICIAL PERSONALLY GIVES THIS PROPOSAL LITTLE CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE IN THE EC.

3. OUR SOURCE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TRANS-YUGOSLAV HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT WOULD RECEIVE LOANS FROM PRIVATE U.S. SOURCES.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR FRG POSITION AS DISCUSSIONS ON A NEW EC-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION AGREEMENT CONTINUE.
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